

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1. (previously presented)** A muscular fatigue-controlling composition which comprises a muscular fatigue-controlling effective amount of (a) an imidazole compound which is anserine or a salt thereof and (b) D-ribose, as active ingredients, in combination with an excipient.

**Claim 2. (canceled)**

**Claim 3. (previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the imidazole compound is contained in an amount of at least 10 mass%.

**Claim 4. (canceled)**

**Claim 5. (previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the imidazole compound is contained in an amount of from 5 to 50 mass% and the D-ribose is contained in an amount of from 5 to 50 mass%.

**Claim 6. (previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises at least one substance selected from the group consisting of taurine, creatine, vitamin E, vitamin C, carotenoid, reduced glutathione and minerals.

**Claim 7. (previously presented)** A method for providing a muscular fatigue-controlling effect comprising orally administering to a person in need thereof a muscular fatigue-controlling effective amount of a muscular fatigue-controlling composition which comprises (a) an imidazole compound which is anserine or a salt thereof and (b) D-ribose, as active ingredients.

**Claim 8. (canceled)**

**Claim 9. (previously presented)** The method according to Claim 7, wherein the imidazole compound is contained in an amount of at least 10 mass%.

**Claim 10. (canceled)**

**Claim 11. (previously presented)** The method according to Claim 7, wherein the imidazole compound is contained in an amount of from 5 to 50 mass % and the D-ribose is contained in an amount of from 5 to 50 mass %.

**Claim 12. (previously presented)** The method according to Claim 7, wherein the composition further comprises at least one substance selected from the group consisting of taurine, creatine, vitamin E, vitamin C, carotenoid, reduced glutathione and a mineral.

**Claim 13. (previously presented)** The method according to Claim 7, wherein the composition is administered in a dosage of 1

to 200 mg/kg of body weight per day, in terms of the imidazole compound.

**Claim 14. (previously presented)** The method according to Claim 7, wherein the composition is administered in a dosage of 5 to 30 mg/kg of body weight per day, in terms of the imidazole compound.

**Claim 15. (previously presented)** The method according to Claim 7, wherein the imidazole compound and the D-ribose are administered in a total daily dosage of 1 to 200 mg/kg of body weight.

**Claim 16. (previously presented)** The method according to Claim 11, wherein the imidazole compound and the D-ribose are administered in a total daily dosage of 5 to 30 mg/kg of body weight.

**Claims 17 to 19. (canceled)**

**Claim 20. (currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the active ingredients of the composition consist ~~essentially~~ of said anserine or salt thereof and said D-ribose.

**Claim 21. (currently amended)** The method according to Claim 7, wherein the active ingredients of the composition consist ~~essentially~~ of said anserine or a salt thereof of said D-ribose.